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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the establishment of a public policy discussion program on each public college campus.

Proposed law requires the chief executive officer of each public postsecondary education institution to create an intellectual diversity program on campus. In creating such a program, he shall task members of his office staff with the following duties:

- (1) Organizing debates, forums, and lectures that address an extensive range of public policy issues widely discussed and debated (known as public policy events).
- (2) Inviting speakers who hold a wide range of perspectives to participate in public policy events with attention to inviting speakers from outside the institution who can provide perspectives on issues.
- (3) Maintaining a searchable calendar of such events on the institution's website.
- (4) If funding is available:
  - (a) Providing transportation and lodging expenses to speakers from outside the campus community.
  - (b) Publishing a recording of each event on the institution's website, which shall be accessible for not less than five consecutive years.

(Adds R.S. 17:3399.41)